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SUBJ: ARAB LEAGUE FOREIGN MINISTERS FAIL TO DISCUSS UNRWA DEFICIT

REFS: A. BEIRUT 3462; B. AMMAN 1759

1. IN COURSE OF MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR AND SENATOR MCGOVERN MAR 27, LEBANESE FONMIN TAQLA REPORTED THAT QUESTION OF UNRWA FINANCIAL CRISIS AND URGENT NEED FOR SUBSTANTIAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO AGENCY BY WEALTHY ARAB GOVTS HAD NOT RPT NOT ARISEN AT ARAB LEAGUE FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING IN CAIRO EARLIER THIS WEEK. TAQLA ATTRIBUTED THIS TO FACT THAT CAIRO TALKS HAD BEEN THROWN OUT OF KILTER BY NEWS OF KING FEISAL'S ASSASSINATION MAR 25.

2. TAQLA MADE STRONG PITCH FOR ADDITIONAL US AND WESTERN ASSISTANCE TO UNRWA TO AVERT REDUCTIONS IN AGENCY SERVICES CURRENTLY ENVISAGED BY COMGEN RENNIE. HE NOTED THAT SUCH REDUCTIONS, COMING AT TIME WHEN AREA TENSIONS ARE RUNNING EXCEPTIONALLY HIGH AS RESULT OF SUSPENSION OF SECRETARY KISSINGER'S PEACE MISSION, WOULD PRODUCE UNCON-
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TROLLABLE AGITATION AMONG PALESTINIANS IN LEBANON AND ELSE-

WHERE AND THEREBY INJECT NEW ELEMENT OF INSTABILITY INTO
ALREADY UNSETTLED ME EQUATION. AMBASSADOR MADE NO
COMMENT ON TAQLA'S REMARKS OTHER THAN PROMISING TO
REPORT THEM TO DEPT.

3. SEEMS CLEAR THAN ANY SLIGHT HOPE WE OR UNRWA COMGEN
ENTERTAINED RE POSSIBILITY OF GALVANIZING ARAB HOST GOVT SUP-
PORT FOR TIMELY INCREASES IN GENERAL ARAB FINANCIAL AID TO
UNRWA IS FADING. WE THINK IT UNLIKELY THAT
ANOTHER APPEAL BY UNSYG ON UNRWA'S BEHALF (SUCH AS
THAT RECENTLY RECOMMENDED BY ADCOM) WILL HAVE ANY
APPRECIABLE IMPACT IN IMPROVING AGENCY'S FINANCIAL SITUATION.
WOULD APPEAR THAT AFTER YEARS OF HAVING TO CRY "WOLF" AND
BEING BAILED OUT AT LAST MINUTE BY USG AND WESTERN
EUROPEANS, UNRWA IS FINALLY APPROCHING END OF ITS FIN-
ANCIAL TETHER. WE HAVE NO RPT NO DOUBT IN THESE CIRCUM-
STANCES COMGEN RENNIE, RATHER THAN ALLOW AGENCY TO
CAREEN HEADLONG INTO TOTAL BANKRUPTCY, WILL CARRY OUT HIS
INTENTION TO REDUCE AGENCY SERVICES BEGINNING MAY 1.
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